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COUNTY NEWS.

Route Six.

Owing to so much cold weather the farmers are progressing slowly in this section.

C. H. Morris and W. W. Taylor and Walter McNut were visitors in the home of W. A. Morris on Route Five recently.

There will be preaching at Liberty church on the 2nd Saturday night and Sunday in April by Rev. Miles, of Covington. Everybody invited to come out.

Mr. Sam Taylor was on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Katie Heathcock of Rehoboth was the guest of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Forbes, recently.

Mrs. William Taylor has returned to her home in district fifteen after spending a pleasant visit the past week in her former home.

W. J. Sweeton of district fifteen was in our midst the latter part of last week.

Roy Morris was seen on our Route last week.

Mrs. G. C. Walls was the guest of Miss Eva Taylor one day last week.

J. L. Sanders has erected a nice residence on Front Street in Laconia.

There will be preaching at the Hilliard school house on the first Sunday in April at 2 o'clock by Rev. M. J. Booth.

G. C. Walls was in Somerville last Saturday.

Mrs. John Heathcock and daughter visited her son, Ray Heathcock, near Fortbullen recently. SLIM JIM.

LaGrange.

Mrs. Brown Jones Smith who is buying some vegetables and eggs from a farmer, "Farm products cost more than they used to". Farmer who is a student of Farm Demonstrator Agent J. W. Moffatt, "Yes, when a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raising and the entomological name of the insect that eats it, and the pharmaceutical name of the chemical that will kill it, somebody's got to pay for it."

Mrs. M. S. Carter and daughter, Miss Oneida Cogbill, of Rail Road Avenue were on a shopping trip to Memphis during the past week.

Going to the World's Fair at San Francisco? Same here.

Miss Grace Ewell of Ewelland Farm

was a visitor to Memphis during the past week.

It seems to us a queer argument to say that the best way to get good prices is to grow as small crops as you can. Wouldn't it be better to grow all you can on any particular field of land, but grow a greater variety of crops? The world never has all it needs to eat. As long as this is so, let's keep on doing our best to grow a greater variety and more of that variety on the same land than we ever did before. Diversify, but intensify.

The many friends of Mrs. M. A. Higgs and daughter, Miss Lucile, will greatly regret that they will soon move from LaGrange to Somerville, Tennessee. We congratulate the people of Somerville that they will have them as citizens of their town. Our loss will be their gain socially and every way.

"Debt is the secret foe of thrift. The debt habit is the twin brother of poverty."

John S. Hamill has had torn down the old residence on the lot he bought on East Third Street and will build a new residence and occupy it as his home. This will make the fourth new residence that has been built in the last few years on that street and Locust Avenue, which is a continuation of East Third Street. LaGrange has no feverish boom, but it's gradual growth is perceptible to any one, and it is a stable growth. The new residences being built are valuable additions, because the people who are building them are occupying them as their homes.

Every spring we hear the subject agitated as to whether the fruit crop is killed or not, when the certainty of knowing is easily demonstrated by any man, woman or child. Go to the orchard, pull off a few buds from different limbs of the tree, take your pocket knife and cut through the center of each bud, if there is a black speck in the center of the bud that bud is killed, although it will bloom there will be no fruit from that bud, if there is a green speck in the center of the bud the bud is not killed and will bear fruit, and there you are. Sometimes some of the buds are killed but not all of them. By counting the percentage of the buds killed, that are examined, you can determine the percentage of the fruit that particular tree will bear.

Miss Julia Anderson of West Third Street has returned home from an extended visit to friends in Memphis, Tennessee.

One of our energetic "Buz wagon" salesman, who wanted to make us feel good, asked us if he could not sell us one of those joy vehicles. We told him if he did we would have to mortgage our home to get money to buy it, then we would have to mortgage the "buz wagon" to get money to pay for the repairs on it, then we would not have anything else to mortgage to get money to buy gasoline to run it, and machine would just stand in our barn, no garage, until the sheriff came and sold both it and our home.

Mrs. W. B. Cowan has returned to her home on Pine Street after visiting her mother in Winchester, Tennessee.

Are you, who are reading this paper, one of its subscribers? If not, go to the postmaster, hand him a dollar and a half, and he will have it sent to you for a year and you will not have to borrow it again to read.

Route Three.

All through Saturday and Sunday the chirping of the cheerful spring birds reminded us that beautiful spring time had arrived. The farmers had begun to get busy once more but the cold rain at this writing (Tuesday morning) has brought about another hold-up in early gardening as well as field work.

We are sorry to report the mumps in our vicinity. It is understood that the Davis school has been exposed, but it is hoped that it will not cause a suspension of the school as only three weeks remain before the school will close, and Miss Maud Parks, the principal, is planning the most splendid closing exercises in the history of the school.

Mrs. William Taylor spent a part of the past week visiting her former home near Laconia.

Jim Henley, our enterprising merchant, is planning to erect a new business house.

Mrs. Sallie Henley of Memphis and Mrs. Yarbrough spent one day the past week in the home of Mrs. William Taylor.

W. Jarvis Sweeton was in Laconia last week.

Oscar Davis, wife and little son spent past week-end in Hardeman County.

Madame Rumor promises another wedding on our route in the near future.

A large crowd took advantage of the

beautiful weather last Sunday and assembled to hear the splendid discourse by Rev. Yarbrough at Mt. Olive. The church re-elected Rev. Yarbrough pastor for another year. SID.

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Roberts Trial

The trial of Henry Roberts for the murder of David Dobbins last January was taken up in the circuit court Monday morning. It was first called last Thursday, but Roberts had not secured an attorney to represent him and it was necessary for the court to appoint counsel for him. J. L. Mayo and C. W. Crawford were appointed by the court to represent him. As soon as appointed these attorneys, acting upon the request of Roberts made a motion for a change of venue, Roberts making affidavit that he believed he could not get a fair trial in Fayette county. When the motion was heard in the afternoon it was overruled by the court and the case set for Monday. Upon his own request C. W. Crawford was excused by the court from representing Roberts and did not appear in the case Monday, he being an old school mate and lifelong friend of the deceased. In place of Mr. Crawford there appeared as counsel for Roberts Hon. Charlie Miller of Bolivar. It took most of the day Monday to make up the jury which was secured about 3 p. m. of that day. Taking of the state's evidence began at once before the jury composed of the following: J. W. Mathison, E. F. Stewart, Jess Blalock, C. H. Hailey, W. T. Cooper, Jake Cross, Tom Seward, W. B. McQueen, J. G. Goadsey, Elwin Smith, J. G. Johnson and J. C. Hunter.

The state placed on the stand, Sheriff Jordan, Miss Florence Gately and Mrs. W. A. Glover, these three being present when Roberts shot Mr. Dobbins, W. S. Latta, the first man to reach the scene of the shooting and also one of the officers who went to Meridian, Mississippi, and brought Roberts back to Memphis, and Mrs. John Downey, wife of one of Roberts' friends and associates in his doings.

This testimony was completed Monday afternoon and court adjourned without beginning the testimony of the defense.

When the court resumed work Tuesday morning Roberts took the stand in his own defense. His testimony was damaging to his case, since he admitted shooting three times at Sheriff Jordan and as he was leaving he shot twice at Deputy Dobbins. His cross examination was conducted very ably by the young attorney-general, Nat Tipton. He swore that he shot Jordan and Dobbins because he thought they would shoot him, and knowing both were officers. He was the only witness placed on the stand by the defense.

Hon. C. A. Stainback, assisting the prosecution, first argued the case before the jury. He was followed by Hon. C. A. Miller for the defense and Attorney-General Tipton closed for the state. The charge to the jury was short but comprehensive and clear.

The jury required but about twenty minutes returning a verdict of murder in the first degree. Roberts was brought before the court at the afternoon session and Judge Everett sentenced him to be electrocuted and fixed the fifth day of May as the day for the execution.

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Memphis Presbytery Meets in Somerville.

The Presbytery of Memphis will meet in the Somerville church April 13-14-15. Between sixty and seventy ministers and elders are expected to attend.

Rev. William Crowe, D. D., of Memphis, the retiring moderator will preach the opening sermon Tuesday 13th, 8 p. m. There will be sermons by prominent ministers at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. daily to which all are cordially welcome. The business sessions will also be open to everyone.

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Will you call the attention of your local press and your county institute with a view to arousing a deep interest in the meeting and thereby secure a good representation from your county? Trusting that I may have the pleasure of meeting you at the Conference, I remain, Very truly yours,

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Conference of Church Workers.

On Friday April 2nd, at the Methodist church of this city, a conference for church workers will be held, Rev. W. J. McCoy, of Jackson, presiding. Pastors and officers of contiguous charges of the Methodist church will attend. The conference will last only one day. The morning session will be open at 8:30 o'clock. Come.

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